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# NWT Labour Force Activity

November 2015

## Overview

In November 2015, Statistics Canada estimates that 21,500 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories. This represents an employment rate of 67.4% and was the third highest in Canada behind Yukon and Alberta. Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 61.4%.

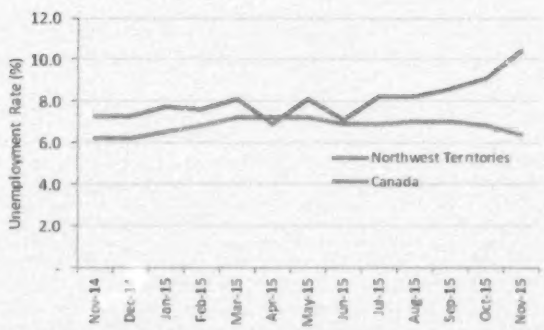
In the NWT, employment decreased for a third consecutive month, with the number of employed persons dropping by 400 between October and November. Year-over-year, employment fell by 1.4%, with 300 less people employed last month compared to November 2016.

Table 1: Labour Force Statistics - Northwest Territories

| | November-2015 | October-2015 | November-2014 | Change from Nov 2014 – Nov 2015 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Number | % |
| Population 15+ | 31,900 | 31,900 | 32,300 | (400) | -1.2 |
| Labour force | 24,000 | 24,100 | 23,400 | 600 | 2.6 |
| Employment | 21,500 | 21,900 | 21,800 | (300) | -1.4 |
| Full-time | 18,700 | 19,300 | 19,400 | (700) | -3.6 |
| Part-time | 2,700 | 2,600 | 2,400 | 300 | 12.5 |
| Unemployment | 2,500 | 2,200 | 1,700 | 800 | 47.1 |
| Participation rate (%) | 75.2 | 75.5 | 72.4 | | |
| Unemployment rate (%) | 10.4 | 9.1 | 7.3 | | |
| Employment rate (%) | 67.4 | 68.7 | 67.5 | | |

The unemployment rate increased for a third consecutive month to 10.4%. This was a 3 percentage points increase from November 2014. There were 800 more unemployed persons compared to last year. Nationally, the unemployment rate decreased from the previous month by 0.4 percentage points to 6.4% in November.

Figure 1: Unemployment rates during past 12 months, Northwest Territories & Canada

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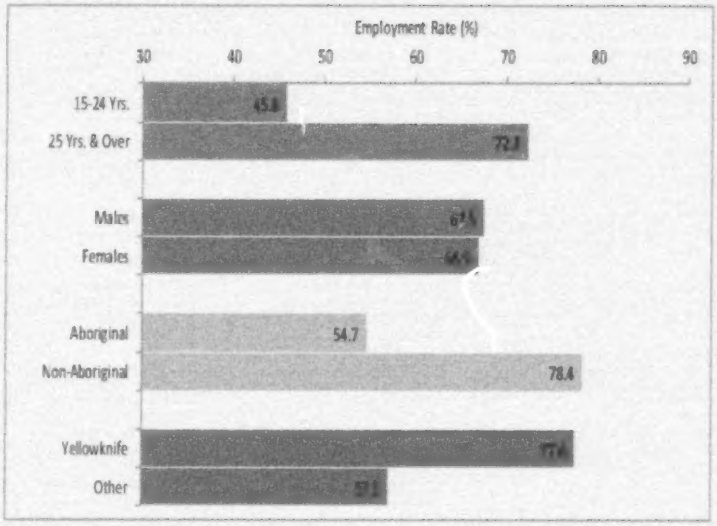
## EMPLOYMENT BY KEY CHARACTERISTICS

Between October and November, overall NWT employment decreased by 400 persons and affected all the key characteristics. Employment rates among youths 15 to 24 decreased by 3.4 percentage points compared to 1.1 percentage points for persons 25 years old and above. The employment rate for males remained slightly higher than females after decreasing by 3.6 percentage points compared to 0.4 for females. In Yellowknife, the employment rate was 0.3 percentage points lower than the previous month, while it was 2.9 points lower for the rest of the territory.

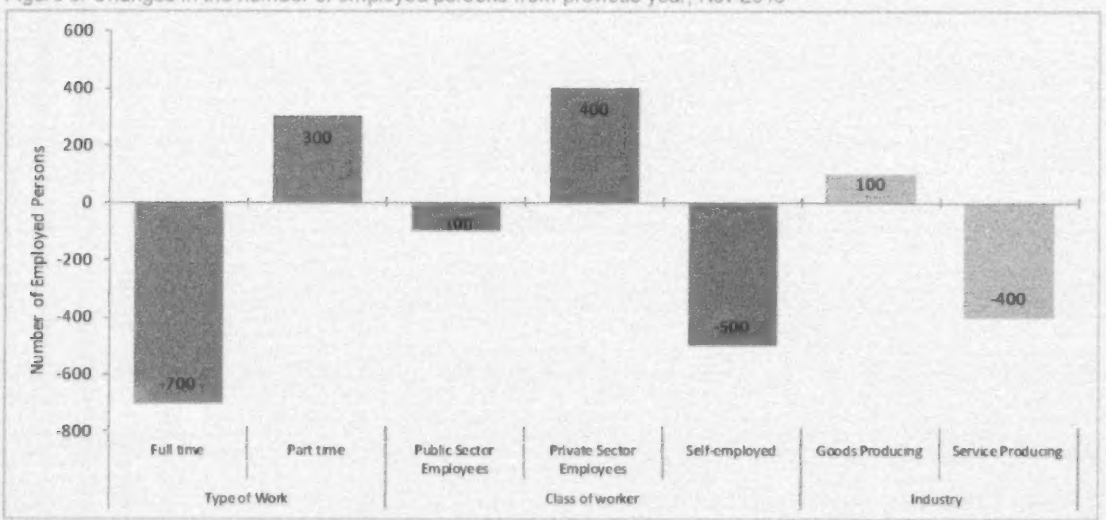
Figure 2: Employment rates by key characteristics, Nov 2015




## EMPLOYMENT BY TYPE OF WORKER, CLASS OF WORKER & INDUSTRY

On a year-over-year basis, full time employment declined by 700 persons, offsetting increases in part time work. Similarly, gains in private sector employment were offset by declines in public sector employment and self-employment. In November 2014, there were 400 fewer people working in the service producing industry, while employment increased by 100 people in the goods producing industry.

Figure 3: Changes in the number of employed persons from previous year, Nov 2015



## HISTORICAL LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY

Table 2: Labour Force Activity -Northwest Territories

| | Population 15 & Over | Labour Force | Employed | Unemployed | Not in the Labour Force | Participation Rate | Unemployment Rate | Employment Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov-15 | 31,900 | 24,000 | 21,500 | 2,500 | 8,000 | 75.2 | 10.4 | 67.4 |
| Oct-15 | 31,900 | 24,100 | 21,900 | 2,200 | 7,700 | 75.5 | 9.1 | 68.7 |
| Sep-15 | 31,800 | 24,300 | 22,200 | 2,100 | 7,500 | 76.4 | 8.6 | 69.8 |
| Aug-15 | 31,800 | 24,500 | 22,500 | 2,000 | 7,300 | 77.0 | 8.2 | 70.8 |
| Jul-15 | 31,800 | 24,500 | 22,500 | 2,000 | 7,300 | 77.0 | 8.2 | 70.8 |
| Jun-15 | 31,900 | 23,800 | 22,200 | 1,700 | 8,000 | 74.6 | 7.1 | 69.6 |
| May-15 | 32,000 | 23,500 | 21,600 | 1,900 | 8,500 | 73.4 | 8.1 | 67.5 |
| Apr-15 | 32,100 | 23,200 | 21,600 | 1,600 | 8,800 | 72.3 | 6.9 | 67.3 |
| Mar-15 | 32,200 | 23,600 | 21,700 | 1,900 | 8,500 | 73.3 | 8.1 | 67.4 |
| Feb-15 | 32,200 | 23,600 | 21,800 | 1,800 | 8,600 | 73.3 | 7.6 | 67.7 |
| Jan-15 | 32,300 | 23,400 | 21,600 | 1,800 | 8,900 | 72.4 | 7.7 | 66.9 |
| Dec-14 | 32,300 | 23,300 | 21,600 | 1,700 | 9,000 | 72.1 | 7.3 | 66.9 |
| Previous Years: | | | | | | | | |
| Nov-14 | 32,300 | 23,400 | 21,800 | 1,700 | 8,900 | 72.4 | 7.3 | 67.5 |
| Nov-13 | 32,600 | 24,900 | 22,800 | 2,100 | 7,600 | 76.4 | 8.4 | 69.9 |
| Nov-12 | 32,500 | 25,200 | 23,500 | 1,700 | 7,400 | 77.5 | 6.7 | 72.3 |
| Nov-11 | 32,300 | 24,600 | 22,900 | 1,700 | 7,700 | 76.2 | 6.9 | 70.9 |
| Nov-10 | 32,100 | 23,200 | 22,000 | 1,200 | 8,900 | 72.3 | 5.2 | 68.5 |
| Nov-09 | 31,700 | 21,800 | 20,300 | 1,500 | 9,900 | 68.8 | 6.9 | 64.0 |
| Nov-08 | 31,700 | 24,000 | 22,600 | 1,400 | 7,800 | 75.7 | 5.8 | 71.3 |
| Nov-07 | 31,700 | 24,400 | 22,900 | 1,500 | 7,200 | 77.0 | 6.1 | 72.2 |
| Nov-06 | 31,300 | 24,200 | 22,900 | 1,300 | 7,100 | 77.3 | 5.4 | 73.2 |

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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